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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S WASHINGTON VISIT

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1. AS REQUESTED REF A, ACCORDING MFA DATIN SUHAILA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING A REHABILITATION CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED, AN ORPHANAGE, OR SIMILAR CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, BUT WANTS TO HAVE AS OPEN A PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE WHILE IN WASHINGTON. SHE IS DESCRIBED AS VERY MUCH A HOUSEWIFE WHO IS INTERESTED IN DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD CONCERNS. FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN'S WIFE, TENGKU NOR AINI, WILL BE WITH THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND IT IS EXPECTED SHE WILL ACCOMPANY DATIN SUHAILA TO VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. ACCORDING MFA, SHE TOO IS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN HOMEMAKING (WE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT OF THEIR POSSIBLE INTERESTS OR HOBBIES).

2. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY THINKING, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL PARTY WILL INCLUDE 12-13 PERSONS, INCLUDING THE
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PM AND DATIN SHUAILA. OTHERS ARE: FONMIN RITHAUDDEEN AND TENGKU NOR AINI; MFA SECRETARY GENERAL DATUK ZAKARIA; DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT (EPU) IN PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT TAN SRI THONG YAW HONG; MFA UNDER-SECRETARY POLITICAL DIVISION I RAZALI ISMAIL; THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL PRIVATE SECRETARY AZZIZAN; HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN; HIS ADC; A JUNIOR STAFF MEMBER FROM THE PM'S

DEPARTMENT AND ONE OR TWO OTHER AIDES. THIS LIST IS STILL, HOWEVER, TENTATIVE.

3. FOR SECURITY REASONS, GOM PREFERS TO DELAY FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT UNTIL PROBABLY THE SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, ALTHOUGH RELEASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE HAS LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG. WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM ON COORDINATION OF THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. SATHIAH INDICATED A MEETING IS NOW BEING SOUGHT WITH DR. BRZEZINSKI. HE ADDED THAT THE PM WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ADDRESSING A GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK BUT RATHER A SPECIAL SEMINAR OF INTERESTED BUSINESSMEN HELD UNDER ASIA SOCIETY AUSPICES, ON THE SUBJECT OF INVESTMENT IN MALAYSIA. HE EXPRESSED RENEWED INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR DATUK HUSSEIN TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB WHILE IN WASHINGTON, SINCE HUSSEIN APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL SPEECH AT SOME POINT DURING HIS VISIT.

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